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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON
BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT PARIS,
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I arise to speak in support of the recommendation of the General Committee. This recommendation would leave the representation of China during this sitting in Paris as it is at the present time and would enable us to go on with our business without further obstruction from this question.

I think that the minds of all of us -- or almost all of us, at any rate -- revolt at the necessity of the proposal even that we should be called upon to debate and consider here the seating of a regime at the very moment when that regime is engaged in defying to the greatest extent that it possibly can the authority of this General Assembly and of this world organization; at a time when that regime is engaged with its troops in killing the countrymen of at least a score of delegations seated in this hall -- those countrymen are defending the cause, the prestige, the honor of the United Nations and the cause of world peace -- that we should consider this at a time when this regime is under indictment by this very organization in which it is now proposed to sit -- under indictment as a party to aggression in Korea; that we should consider seating this regime at the time when its international conduct is so low that it would take considerable improvement to raise it to the general level of barbarism.

I would not say that this is an unprecedented recommendation. Unprecedented? This is almost the 90th vote. It is between the 88th and 90th time that this question has come up and has been dealt with in this way. Is that unprecedented? How many precedents do we need to have something unprecedented? No, this is the way in which this question has been dealt with every time it has arisen in any organ of the UN and has permitted each organ which has disposed of it to get on with its business, to do its work and not be obstructed with this sort of impediment. Therefore, I urge you to end this matter now for this sitting in Paris and vote to uphold the wise and sound recommendation of the General Committee.

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